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Anti-Drug Report Seeks United Effort By U.S. Agencies

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Staff Reporter of The Wall Street Journal WASHINGTON—Calling for "complete national resolve" to fight illegal drugs, a presidential commission urged the Pentagon, State Department and a number of other federal agencies to work together against drug traffickers.

In what may be the most comprehensive report ever prepared by the government analyzing anti-drug strategies, the President's Commission on Organized Crime yesterday released more than 70 legislative, enforcement and diplomatic recommendations.

The report, which is likely to help shape congressional debate on the issue, concluded that the U.S. fight against drugs has faltered because of bureaucratic "parochialism," budget constraints and a lack of effective diplomatic initiatives against international narcotics rings.

The commission's recommendations for widespread drug testing among federal employees and for more federal monitoring of state and local police's investigations of drug rings are almost certain to draw sharp criticism.

To fight complex, well-financed organized-crime rings, the commission urged the Defense Department, U.S. Customs Service and federal law-enforcement officials to sharply step up drug-interdiction efforts,

including pursuing suspected smugglers into Mexican airspace. It also called on U.S. intelligence agencies to cooperate more fully, and it urged the Federal Aviation Administration to revamp certain radar systems to more effectively detect smugglers.

In addition, the report recommended that the State Department develop specific rules for cutting off foreign aid to countries that fail to crack down on drug production and shipment.

Some of the recommendations would require large spending increases and thus appear to conflict with the administration's plan to keep anti-drug spending steady over the next few years. In an interview before the report was released, Oliver B. Revell, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's anti-drug programs, said the agency's plans for the next few years don't include any significant increase in resources for drug investigations.

Mr. Revell also said the FBI and Justice Department are seeking to concentrate their efforts more on "highest-echelon" drug traffickers operating out of Colombia and Mexico. The commission's report concluded that Colombian groups, which control an estimated 75% of all the cocaine coming into the U.S., are so powerful that they "have left little room in the cocaine trade for small-scale smugglers."

To improve international cooperation, the report recommends greater involvement by the United Nations in anti-drug efforts. It also urges President Reagan and other administration officials to raise the issue at "the highest level possible" in diplomatic exchanges.